(b) whether under the above action plan Government propose to develop places showing Indian Culture and Civilization; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The National Action Plan for Tourism was laid in the Parliament on 5.5.92. The objectives of the Action Plan are as under:—

- Socio-economic development of areas
- Increasing employment opportunities
- Developing domestic tourism especially for the budget category
- Preservation of nation heritage and environment.
- Development of international tourism and optimisation of foreign exchange earnings.
- Diversification of the tourism product, and
- Increase in India's Share in World tourism.

(b) and (c) The action plan envisages development of tourist centres depicting Indian Culture and Civilization at the identified tourist destinations|circuits. The Plan also envisages setting up of craft villages and organisation of fairs and festivals so as to project Indian Culture and Civilization.

Functioning of Indian Airlines

465. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the report appearing in the *Indian Express* dated 24th June, 1992 highlighting the unsatisfactory functioning of Indian Airlines; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government propose to take to remove the deficiencies in its functioning?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Incidents of industrial unrest/agitations, employee indiscipline, lack of coordination between Departments, shortage of aircraft spares, short-comings in aircraft maintenance and passenger handling in Indian Airlines have been reported. The situation is being closely monitored and the Indian Airlines management advised to take appropriate steps to overcome these short-comings and improve the functioning.

Airbus A-300 stranded at Nagpur

466. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Airbus-A-300 carrying over 200 passengers in its flight IC 540-Madras-Delhi had to be diverted to Nagpur where it was stranded for more than 24 hours as the Airlines engineers failed to carry out the repairs;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what measures have been taken to revamp the engineering department to avoid recurrance of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The aircraft operating IC-539 of 24.6.92 from Madras to Delhi was grounded at Nagpur at 2340 hours due to a technical snag. For rectification of the snag men and material were sent from Bombay on 25.6.1992. The delayed